

SWCC eNews #9-2016

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New flooring in passageway to changing rooms and in the outside toilets.

The flooring contractor has finally confirmed that he is starting work on Monday 4th July. The new flooring will be of the same type as in the gents changing room. In order to carry out the work the contractor needs to remove the existing surface of the concrete floor using a concrete planer, then apply various layers of screed and waterproofing, before laying the finished surface, this is a multi day process. Obviously he cannot work with people using the passageway, and the various layers need time to dry/cure, so as of next Sunday evening (3rd July), the lock on the outer door will be changed, this means that there will be no access to the showers, locker room, tackle etc for part of that week. As soon as the work is complete and the floor ready to be used, the door lock will be changed back to the normal one. In order for the floor in the outside toilets to be replaced, the two outside toilets will have to be temporarily removed, they will be replaced as soon as possible. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, but we are in the hands of outside contractors.

Cheers Allan

North Wales Mines trip

Not a trip report, watch out for that on the blog, just a quick summary and thank-you to Allan for his excellent organisation of the weekend.

A really well attended trip with some 17 of us arriving at the Mynydd Climbing hut on the Friday night. A fascinating trip on Saturday, in a mine who's name eludes me now, with plenty of mineral formations and scary decaying wooden supports. Curry in Llanwrst on Saturday night. Sunday saw a return trip to Parc mine with two trips into different levels, again much fun was had and plenty of ochre to play with.

[Link to blog](#)

Caving Trips - contact [Claire](#)

- Sunday 3rd July - still two places left on the Otter hole trip
- 9-10 July - 'fun' walking / activity weekend in North Wales
- 13 - 20 August: Eurospeleo. Yorkshire. Dalesbridge Centre, Austwick. See: www.eurospeleo.uk and book through the website. Plenty of SWCC members have already registered and booked their tickets.
- 16 - 18 September: Peak District. Staying at the TSG
- 22 - 23 October: Whitewalls weekend (South East Wales). Aggy, Daren Cilau, Craig ar Ffynnon all possibilities. Perhaps Draenen too if there is interest.
- 5 - 6 November: Bonfire Night at SWCC
- 10 - 11 December: Mendip weekend. Staying at the Shepton Mallet hut.

Eurospeleo

Hi all, The club is hosting a post Conference Speleo Camp from the 20th to the 27th August. As of today we have 12 adults of varying ages and 4 children registered to come to SWCC. The 4 children are all used to going caving. The cavers are from France, Germany, Australia and the USA. It is thought that more people are likely to book onto Caving Camps, once they are at the main conference in the Dales.

Can I please ask those people who have previously said that they are willing to help with the Speleo Camp to confirm their availability, if only for one day.

[Link eurospeleo,](#)

Allan

Bob Radcliffe's '50 years'

Just looking back at old diaries etc on June 26 it will be 50 years since my first official trip into Ogof Ffynnon Ddu (now OFD 1). In those days the cave ended at dip sump for dry cavers but the sumps were being explored. I say official trip as I had been into Downeys cave and Pant Canol on previous visits to the Club.

Folk weekend - cancelled

The planned folk weekend has had to be cancelled at short notice. The main issue was uncertainty about the numbers likely to turn up, with so few confirmed attendees it was not possible to commit to buying the beer or food and it was unfair on the bands to tie up their time when the audience was unknown. If there is sufficient interest the event can be reorganised later, but with some system to know how many are attending.

Harvey

Don't forget -Pig roast and party

This august will mark the 50th anniversary that Lesley and i first came to the caving club and also marks the 70th birthday of Jopo (Brian). We would like to invite members to a pig roast on saturday, 27th august to help us celebrate both events. Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated especially with the pig. Naturally, there will be beer as well. If members could let us know if they will be helping us celebrate it will be of great assistance in judging size of pig etc. Also if anyone is a vegetarian we will try to meet your needs as usual. Please contact either the Cardys on 01639 730 162 or the Jops on 01639 730 429

Cardy and Jopo

Sheep

If you spot any sheep belonging to the Evans family on club land can you please let Piers or Gary know so that they can raise it with them. There have been difficulties recently and to keep things in hand the club has offered to focus any discussion through just these individuals. So, how do you recognise a sheep belonging to the Evans family? Apparently they (the sheep) have a particularly pugnacious attitude! Or perhaps just let them know about any sheep you see on club land!

Starless river

Tony and his caving shop on wheels will be at SWCC on the weekend of the 2nd / 3rd July.

Random webpage

The club blog is now being featured on the Darkness Below website, an interesting site that is something of a scrapbook of bits from other caving websites